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**Statement from Governor Jan Brewer**  
*Anniversary of the Tragedy at Yarnell Hill*

"One year ago Monday, Arizona suffered the unfathomable loss of 19 elite Granite Mountain Hotshots amid the deadliest wildfire in our state's history.

"Not a day has passed that we have not prayed, mourned, and given gratitude for these courageous firefighters. Our hearts, while still heavy with the memory of our fallen 19, remain filled with the pride of knowing that Arizona was home to such extraordinary men – men who daily braved the blazes in noble defense of people and property, and who made the ultimate sacrifice to save their community. Such heroism is rare and never forgotten.

"As their families, fellow firefighters and the entire Yarnell community continue to cope with this unthinkable tragedy one year later, let us all unite – as Arizonans always do in difficult times – to remember and reflect upon the lives and contributions of these brave Hotshots. Their spirit and valor will forever be preserved and cherished in our thoughts and prayers.

"On this solemn anniversary, in honor of the service and sacrifice of our 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots, I have ordered that flags at all state buildings be lowered to half-staff from sunrise until sunset Monday, June 30, 2014. I encourage all Arizonans to join in this tribute. Let us also continue to pray for the safety of all of our first responders, who perform selfless, dangerous jobs to defend family, friends, neighbors and perfect strangers. May God bless and protect them all."

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